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State-wise draft scheme cases

SI. No.	State/UT	2005 (As on 31.01.05)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	5
2.	Assam	1
3.	Chandigarh	1
4.	Delhi	4
5.	Gujarat	3
6.	Karnataka	5
7.	Kerala	3
8.	Maharashtra	9
9.	Meghalaya	1
10.	Punjab	3
11.	Rajasthan	2
12.	Tamil Nadu	10
13.	Uttar Pradesh	2
14.	West Bengal	3
	Total:	52

Target Plus Scheme

956. DR. CHHATTRAPAL SINGH LODHA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a fresh notification has been issued to accord the benefits of the Target Plus Scheme by now by the Directorate of Foreign Trade;

(b) if so, how many applications for this scheme have been received by DGFT for the period from 8th to 20th April, 2005; and

(c) what are the reasons and who are responsible for keeping this scheme in abeyance after announcing it since 8th April, 2005 till the issue of fresh notification?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) Application forms for availing benefits under the reward schemes of Duty Free Credit Entitlement Scheme and Target Plus Scheme were notified on the 7th April, 2005.

(b) As per the details received from our field formations only one application has been received between 8th April to 20th April, 2005.

(c) The notifications were kept in abeyance under Policy Circular No. 2 (RE-2005)/2004-09 dated 20th April, 2005 in response to representations from Trade and Industry for procedural simplification in the application forms. The modified application forms have been re-notified *vide* Public Notice No. 16 (RE-2005)/2004-09 dt. 4.6.2005.

Impact of sanitary and phytosanitary standards on farm-exports

957. SHRI R.K. ANAND:
SHRI K.B. KRISHNAMURTHY:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI HARISH RAWAT:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether country's farm-export is facing non-tariff barriers due to sanitary and phytosanitary standards by some countries;

(b) if so, how many such cases been reported in the past three years and what steps have been taken;

(c) whether these sanitary and phytosanitary standards are in line with WTO agreements, if so, the details of such provisions and do we comply with such standards; and

(d) what steps are being taken to safeguard country's farm-exports from such non-tariff barriers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) Yes, Sir. Instances of use of non-tariff barriers (NTBs), especially in the form of Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) standards, on India's farm export by some countries have been noticed during the past few years.